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MEETING JAKARTA 18-26 JULY SUMMARY REPORT.

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1. SUMMARY: THE 7TH(SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC) SESSION OF WMO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION V RESULTS WERE IN KEEPING WITH U.S. POSITION EXCEPT FOR USA PROPOSAL ON IDENTIFICATION OF TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE PACIFIC AREA OF THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE WHICH WAS NOT ADOPTED BUT REFERRED TO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION II(ASIA). IT REVIEWED THE BASIC REGIONAL SYNOPTIC NETWORK, ADOPTED A REGIONAL CODE FOR RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURE, FORMED 3 WORKING GROUPS, APPOINTED 7 RAPORTEURS AND PASSED 21 RESOLUTIONS. TEN MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION(AUSTRALIA, FRENCH POLYNESIA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, NEW CALEDONIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND USA) ATTENDED THE SESSION. ONE WMO MEMBER NOT BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION: FRANCE, 4 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ICAO, UNDP, UNDRO AND UNESCO, AND ONE OBSERVER FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MONEX MANAGEMENT CENTER ALSO ATTENDED. IN ALL 32 INDIVIDUALS WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

2. FOLLOWING THE OPENINGSESSION ATWHICH THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, UNCLASSIFIED

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM, MR. ROESMIN NURJADIN, SPOKE, THE WORK OF THE SESSION GOT UNDERWAY. THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA WAS ADOPTED. A WORKINGCOMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONSIDERED ITEMS BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED IN A PLENARY MEETING. MR. HO TONG YUEN(MALAYSIA) WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN AND DR.C. SUTRISNO(INDONESIA) AS VICE-CHAIRMAN. WITH THE DEPARTURE OF MR. HO FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS FATHER'S DEATH, MR. N.E. JOHNSON(USA) WAS ELECTED 2ND VICE-CHAIRMAN.

A NOMINATION COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE AND USA AS CHAIRMAN.

3. IN HIS REPORT UNDER MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION THE PRESIDENT WELCOMED THE DELEGATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA WHO PARTICIPATED FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION. MR. SUTRISNO (INDONESIA) OBJECTED TO THE LAST SENTENCE OF THIS SECTION WHICH READS "THE ASSOCIATION IS NOW COMPOSED OF 11 MEMBERS" WHICH HE WANTED DELETED. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION IN WHICH IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT THE REPORT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED AND WOULD STAND: THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY DR. SUTRISNO

(INDONESIA) WAS INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST PLENARY. "MY STATEMENT CONCERNS PARAGRAPH 2 OF DOCUMENT 21-REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION: SINCE JULY 1976 THE OPERATION OF METEOROLOGICAL STATIONS IN EAST TIMOR HAS BEEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDONESIAN METEOROLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE.

AT THIS MOMENT EAST TIMOR IS ONE OF THE 27 PROVINCES OF INDONESIA. I PROPOSE TO CHANGE NUMBER 11 IN THE LAST SENTENCE TO NUMBER 10, OR AT LEAST THE LAST SENTENCE TO BE DELETED FROM THE REPORT".

4. THIS SAME MATTER AROSE WITH AGENDA ITEM 4.3., TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM, RESOLUTION 4.E/1 STATED EAST TIMOR SEPARATELY FROM INDONESIA IN THE ZONE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE R.H. MELBOURNE IN THE COLLECTION OF OBSERVATIONS. THE INDONESIA DELEGATE MADE A STATEMENT AND A RESERVATION TO THE PARTICULAR PART OF THE RESOLUTION. UNCLASSIFIED

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5. THE ASSOCIATION REVIEWED THE REGIONAL BASIC SYNOPTIC NETWORK MAKING ONLY SLIGHT AMENDMENTS. WHILE THERE WERE DIVERGENT VIEWS ABOUT THE NEED FOR FOUR RADIOWIND OBSERVATIONS DAILY IT WAS AGREED THAT THE MATTER SHOULD AWAIT THE RESULTS OF FGGE. NEW CALEDONIA, FRENCH POLYNESIA AND FRANCE SPOKE IN FAVOR OF REDUCING THE REQUIREMENT TO TWO WIND OBSERVATIONS DAILY. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, STATIONS VERY DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT WERE RETAINED IN THE LIST OF THE RBSN FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS AND UNTIL THE RESULTS OF FGGE ARE AVAILABLE.

6. THE NEED FOR OBSERVATIONS FOR FGGE ESPECIALLY DURING THE TWO SPECIAL OBSERVING PERIODS WITH SHIP OBSERVATIONS, AIRCRAFT WEATHER REPORTS AND AIRCRAFT-TO-SATELLITE OBSERVATIONS WERE THE SUBJECTS OF LIVERLY DISCUSSIONS. THE REGIONAL NETWORK OF CLIMATE AND CLIMATE TEMP STATIONS WAS REVIEWED AND INCREASED.

7. THE PRIORITY OF REGIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTPUT PRODUCTS OF RMC'S AND WMC'S WERE FIRST FOR AREA FORECAST SYSTEM CHARTS, FOLLOWED BY ANALYSES AND PROGNOSSES FROM RMC'S AND THE WMC IN THE REGION WITH CERTAIN CRITICAL CHARTS FROM RMC'S OUTSIDE RAV, AND

OTHER WMC'S PRODUCTS LAST.

8. NO PRIORITY LIST OF PRODUCTS IN GRID CODE WAS PREPARED AS THE ASSOCIATION FELT THAT DUE TO THE LACK OF ADEQUATE HIGH SPEED TELECOMMUNICATION CIRCUITS AND COMPUTERS IN THE REGION THIS WOULD BE PREMATURE. TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF PRECIPITATION AND EXTREME TEMPERATURE DATA FOR AGROMETEOROLOGICAL PURPOSES, THE REGION ADOPTED THE GOURP 7RRJ: SIX HOURLY AMOUNTS OF PRECIPITATION WILL BE GIVEN EACH PERIOD EXCEPT THE 24 HOUR AMOUNT WILL BE REPORTED AT 0000 GMT WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS. THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS WILL BE GIVEN AT 1200 GMT OBSERVATION. THE CODE WILL BE EFFECTIVE 1 JAN 1979. THIS WILL AFFECT U.S. WEATHER STATIONS IN THE PACIFIC.

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9. THE ASSOCIATION REVIEWED ITS TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLAN AND RECOGNIZED DEFICIENCIES IN THE RECEIPT OF OBSERVATIONAL DATA. MANY OF THE METEOROLOGICAL CENTERS HAVE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING DATA REQUIRED. A NOUMEA TO NANTY CIRCUIT NOW BEING INSTALLED WILL HELP. A MELBOURNE-JAKARTA CIRCUIT IS NEEDED AND MAY BE POSSIBLE BY MID 1979. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM: UPGRADING THE MELBOURNE CIRCUIT TO TOKYO WILL BE NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL 1981. THE WORKING GROUP ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS WAS REESTABLISHED TO WORK ON THESE PROBLEMS. THE ASSOCIATION DECIDED TO MAKE THE INCLUSION OF THE CLLL NUMBER MANDATORY FOR GLOBAL EXCHANGE MESSAGES. THE ASSOCIATION WAS INFORMED THAT THIS GROUP IS NOT WIDELY USED ON THE GTS AND THAT MATTER WOULD BE RAISED AT THE 7TH SESSION OF CNS.

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10. THE NEED TO EXPAND AND DEVELOP MARINE METEOROLOGICAL PROGRAMS IN REGIO V LEAD TO APPOINTMENT OF A RAPPOREUR WHO WOULD ALSO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE ON COMMISSION ON MARINE METEOROLOGY WORKING GROUP ON MARINE METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE.

11. A RAPPOREUR ON TROPICAL CYCLONES WAS APPOINTED TO SURVEY THE TROPICAL CYCLONE PROTECTIVE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE IN REGION BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION ON THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL CYCLONE BODY. THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE USA ON IDENTIFICATION OF TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN AREA OF THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE WAS NOTED WITH INTEREST BUT NOT ADOPTED AS THE ASSOCIATION WAS OF THE OPINION THAT IT SHOULD FIRST BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF RA-II. THE PRESIDENT WILL FOLLOW-UP ON THIS MATTER. THE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR IN RA-V HAVE AGREED BETWEEN THEMSELVES ON A SYSTEM OF IDENTIFICATION IN THEIR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

12. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE TOPIC OF "ZONAL CIRCULATION IN THE
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EQUATORIAL PACIFIC" SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE TROPICAL METEOROLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM. WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST GARP GLOBAL EXPERIMENT, IT WAS STRESSED THAT IMMEDIATE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE MAXIMUM IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WWW WATCH NETWORK AND TO OTHER PARTS OF THE OBSERVING SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY THE TROPICAL WIND SHIPS. PLANS FOR THE MONSOON EXPERIMENT (MONEX) WERE ALSO REVIEWED AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS SEEM ASSURED. IT WAS NOTED WITH CONCERN THAT THE INTERNATIONAL MONEX MANAGEMENT CENTER (IMMC) AT KUALA LUMPUR WAS NOT YET ADEQUATELY STAFFED, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE, IT MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT FULLY ITS PLANNING AND OPERATIONAL TASKS. MEMBERS WERE ASKED TO URGENTLY CONSIDER THE SENDING OF SECONDING STAFF TO THE IMMC CENTER BECAUSE OF THE SHORT TIME LEFT BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF THE WINTER-MONEX.

13. THE IMPORTANCE OF AN ADEQUATE SOLAR RADIATION NETWORK IN THE STUDY OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND ENERGY PROBLEMS WERE NOTED. ADDITIONAL SOLAR RADIATION STATIONS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED SINCE THE LAST SESSION. THE NETWORK OF A ZONE STATIONS HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED AND THE WORKING GROUP ON OZONE WAS CONTINUED.

14. HE ICAO REPRESENTATIVE REVIEWED RESULTS OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE REGIONAL AREA FORECAST SYSTEM. AREA FORECASTS ARE RELEVANT TO THE REGION, FULFILLED A REAL NEED, AND WERE USED AT MANY AERODROMES IN FLIGHT DOCUMENTATION. MEMBERS WERE URGED TO COLLECT AND EXCHANGE MORE AIRCRAFT WEATHER OBSERVATIONS AND TO USE GROUND BASED WEATHER RADAR TO IMPROVE WHAT TERM AERODROME FORECASTS.

15. IT WAS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT NATIONAL AGROMETEOROLOGICAL COMMITTEES BE ESTABLISHED THAT WOULD INCLUDE AGROMETEOROLOGISTS AS WELL AS AGRICULTURISTS, RESEARCH SCIENTISTS AND ECONOMISTS SO THAT METEOROLOGY WOULD BE PROPERLY CONSIDERED IN AGRICULTURAL PLANNING. MOST OF THE EFFORTS TO DATE IN REGIONAL AGROMETEOROLOGY HAVE BEEN IN CLIMATE MAPPING AND RICE PRODUCTION. THE MEMBERS ALSO
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RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF OTHER OFFICE CROPS AND AS A RESULT A WORKING GROUP ON A CLIMATE-BASED CROPPING SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED.

16. THE NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROLOGY WAS RECOGNIZED AND MEMBERS WERE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONAL HYDROLOGY BY WHOM THE RAPORTEUR IN HYDROLOGY WAS REAPPOINTED FOR THE NEXT 4-YEAR PERIOD.

17. IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION, THE UNDP AND VAP PROGRAM WERE REVIEWED. THE ASSOCIATION URGED THAT THE WMO AND UNDP ORGANIZE FUTURE REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS. THEY REQUESTED A SEMINAR FOR TRAINING OR NETWORK INSPECTORS, A SEMINAR ON AGROMETEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AND THEIR UTILIZATION, AND A TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON TROPICAL CYCLONE.

18. MR. HO TONG YUEN OF MALAYSIA WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND DR. C. SUTRISNO OF INDONESIA WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT.

19. THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE INDICATED HE WOULD INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF HOSTING THE 8TH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATION IN 1982 IN AUSTRALIA.
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